



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Welcome back to our families and a very happy new year to you all!

There is nothing I like more than welcoming children back for a new term with all the promise that brings. Everyone has come in full of energy and enthusiasm and ready for a new term. In our assembly this morning we shared our resolutions for the coming term. It was great to hear from children how positively they feel about their school life and what they will aim towards to improving again this term. We recognise, reward and celebrate our wonderful young people for their contributions to school life. Two wonderful examples can be found below!



This week, a group of children were selected to participate in a very special school trip as recognition for their **exceptional contributions as pupil helpers or their significant improvements in attendance.**

We had the privilege of visiting the prestigious Royal Opera House in Covent Garden to watch the enchanting performance of Hansel and Gretel. The children represented Rotherfield beautifully, displaying exemplary behaviour throughout the day. They truly made us proud! Well done to all those who took part—you are an inspiration to our school community!



THIS WEEKS' TOP NEWS - National Young Librarian

Darcie, part of our amazing library team, reading to some year 2 pupils in the lovely RF library this week. **Darcie has been nominated for the national Young Librarian of the Year and has reached the final!** In March, Darcie will be attending the awards ceremony, and we will find out if she is the winner. Whether she is or not, we are beyond proud of our wonderful young librarian.



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

STARS OF THE WEEK



Whole school: 91.3%
National: 95%

Well done to all our wonderful children on their hard work this week. The following deserve a special mention for receiving **Star of the week!**

Year 6: Jah-Nayah and Freya

Year 5: Adar and Mason

Year 4: Benjamin and Nathan

Year 3: Renae and Renan

Year 2: Zakareeya and Ayoub

Year 1: Max and Kallie

Reception: Taaliyah

Nursery: Sadie



Oak	98.4%
Mulberry	98.4%
Willow	95%
Rowan	95%
Palm	95%
Elm	94%
Pine	93%
Ash	93%
Apple	92%
Silver birch	91%
Cedar	90%
Holly	89%
Maple	86%
Beech	84%

TOP DOODLERS

Top class - ASH

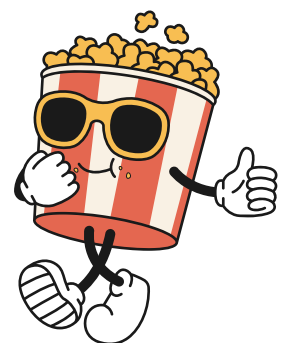


Using Doodle Maths for 10 minutes per day can have a huge impact on your child's progress and attainment. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you need your login details or any support with the app.

POPCORN PARTY

(as chosen by the pupil voice)

Well done to **Oak AND Mulberry** class for having the highest attendance this week!



Family Group - Coffee Afternoon

Please come along to our Coffee Afternoon Monday 13th January at 2:30 to find out more about our Spring Term Family Group - Thanks, Katy and Joanne.

Family Group

"Family Group was really good because we did fun activities that helped us learn about our feelings"

"Multi Family Group made a big difference for my son at school"

"I really find being in Multi Family Group as it helped me spend more time with my mum."

What is Family Group?

- 6 children together with one of their parents or carers, meet weekly for an hour and a half on a Monday afternoon, 2-3:30pm, at Rotherfield.
- We set targets with teachers, do activities together, share what is happening at school and support each other, all with the goal of making sure that each child has the best possible experience of school.
- It is led by Katy Singer, school Educational Psychotherapist, and a member of the pastoral team at school. Class Teachers contribute through target-setting and feedback to the group.

Family Group is great for the school because it helps us to:

- Improve relationships with families.
- Understand how we can help in difficult circumstances.
- Look at different ways of teaching.

Family Groups helps parents to:

- Feel safe and heard.
- Form trusting relationships with other parents, and with the school.
- Learn new skills.
- Manage difficult situations in new ways.

As a result of Family Group, children are better able to:

- Manage worries.
- Ask for help.
- Trust and build new relationships.
- Learn.
- Understand the boundaries of school and home.

Come to our Coffee Afternoon Monday 13th January 2:30-3:30 to find out more



Clubs

Enrichment club bookings are now open and clubs will be starting next week. Please book on Arbor.

Rotherfield Primary School - After School Clubs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast Club 7:45 - 8:55	Breakfast Club 7:45 - 8:55	Breakfast Club 7:45 - 8:55	Breakfast Club 7:45 - 8:55	Breakfast Club 7:45 - 8:55
Cooking with Tiago Y4-6 3:30 - 4:30	Karate 3:30 - 4:30 contact provider on 07594928598 £6 per session	Gymnastics R-Y2 3:30 - 4:30	Spanish Club Y3 & Y4 3.30 - 4.30	
After School Club 3:30 - 4:30 4:30 - 6:30 3:30 - 6:30	After School Club 3:30 - 4:30 4:30 - 6:30 3:30 - 6:30	After School Club 3:30 - 4:30 4:30 - 6:30 3:30 - 6:30	After School Club 3:30 - 4:30 4:30 - 6:30 3:30 - 6:30	After School Club 3:30-4:30 4:30-6:30 3:30-6:30

Afterschool club still have availability - Please check Arbor to book!



Tiago's Weekly Recipe - Red lentil dahl with spinach (optional)

This delicious and nutritious dish is perfect for families. You can even sneak in some spinach to add extra greens!

Ingredients:

- 2 onions, finely diced
- 3 garlic cloves, chopped
- 1 tbsp fresh ginger, peeled and grated
- 1/2 tsp mild chili flakes (optional)
- 1/2 tsp ground cumin
- 1/2 tsp ground coriander
- 2 tsp turmeric
- 1 tsp garam masala
- 200g dried red lentils (washed)
- 400ml coconut milk
- 400ml chopped tomatoes
- 500ml water
- Squeeze of lemon
- Salt to taste
- Fresh coriander for garnish (optional)
- 1 handful of spinach (optional)

Method:

1. Cook the base: Heat a little oil in a large pan over medium heat. Gently fry the diced onions for about 5 minutes until they're soft. Add the garlic and ginger, and cook for another minute.
2. Add the spices: Sprinkle in the cumin, ground coriander, turmeric, and garam masala. Stir everything together and cook for about 1 minute until the spices smell yummy.
3. Add the lentils and liquids: Pour in the red lentils, chopped tomatoes, coconut milk, and water. Stir well to mix everything. Add a pinch of salt and pepper to taste. Let it simmer on low heat for 15-20 minutes, stirring every few minutes. The lentils will absorb the liquid and thicken into a yummy, comforting stew.
4. Add some greens: If you'd like, stir in some fresh spinach towards the end and let it wilt. It's a great way to get in some extra veggies!
5. Finish up: Once the lentils are soft and the dish is thickened, squeeze in a bit of lemon juice for a fresh burst of flavor. Garnish with fresh chopped coriander if you like.

Serve & enjoy! This dish goes wonderfully with rice, flatbreads, or even on its own. It's a fun and healthy meal for both parents and kids!

Feel free to adjust the spices to suit your family's taste—kids might enjoy a milder version! You can also make it together as a fun family activity. Enjoy!

REMINDERS - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

EVENTS	DATES
Family Group Coffee Afternoon	Monday 13th January @2:30pm
Year 1 (Oak) - Florence Nightingale Museum	Tuesday 14th January
Phonics Parent Workshop	Wednesday 15th January
Year 1 (Holly) - Florence Nightingale Museum	Thursday 16th January
Year 6 - Islington Junior Citizenship Scheme	Thursday 16th January
Year 6 - National Portrait Galley	Monday 20th January
Year 2 (Maple) - British Library Workshop	Monday 20th January
Year 3 - London Aquarium	Wednesday 22nd January
Year 2 & 5 - London Fire Workshop	Thursday 23rd January
Year 4 - Ragged School Museum	Friday 24th January
Year 2 (Pine) - British Library Workshop	Monday 27th January

Free Childcare

If you are an eligible working parent, you can apply for up to 15 hours' free childcare per week during term time for your child if they're aged between 2 and 3 years. **(NG only)**



If they're between 3 and 4 years old, eligible parents can get up to 30 hours' free childcare per week. You have to get your code by 31 December to start claiming the free hours from January 1, so apply in good time!

See the Government's Childcare Choices web page [Homepage | Childcare Choices](#)

Please see link [here](#)

Islington Healthy School Advisor

Please click here to see community food services available within Islington [Community Food Services - Islington Food Partnership](#)

Educational Experiences in 2024-25

- Year 1:** Freightliner's City Farm, London Bus Tour, Florence Nightingale Museum, V&A Childhood Museum, King Henry's Walk Garden
- Year 2:** Tate Modern, The Monument, Horniman Museum, London Zoo, Hampstead Heath, Museum of Docklands
- Year 3:** British Museum, Science Museum, Pantomime, Westminster Walk, London Aquarium, Kew Gardens, Mosque Visit
- Year 4:** Science Museum, Chocolate Museum, Church Visit, Ragged School Museum, River Lea, Highgate Wood
- Year 5:** Olympic Park, Science Museum, British Museum, Synagogue Visit, London Zoo, Southbank
- Year 6:** HMS Belfast, Jewish Museum, Ben Kinsella Workshop, Theatre Trips, National Portrait Gallery

A voluntary donation of £24 via Arbor helps fund all the educational visits we offer over the year. Your generous donations help make trips like these possible, and mean we can offer a range of fantastic learning opportunities! For more details, or if you have any questions, please speak to us in the office!

Important Notice

Please click [here](#) to view the late collection policy

Clubs contact info

Should you need to reach a staff member after 4PM regarding your child at after-school club (such as late collection from after school club), please call this number for immediate assistance: 07955184099